1999 4WD Jamboree

This years Easter weekend 4WD Jamboree, hosted by the Southern Cross 4WD club was held at a picturesque mountain location north of Bathurst.

The annual event attracted hundreds of families in a variety of modified and standard 4WD's. Individual clubs set up two Bog Holes, the Hill Climb and a tough All Terrain Challenge course.

As per usual, all the Funkana events were running throughout the day, including a scenic self drive track, looping it's way through the mountains behind the campsite.

Traditionally, the Bog Hole and Hill Climb events have always been the main highlights, but in recent years the All Terrain Challenge has emerged as the event to watch. The Bathurst version was no different and provided lots of exitement for both spectators and competitors. The club had designed a tough course, which wound it's way through a rugged narrow gully with next to no room to move, there were big logs to negotiate and massive builders piles to hinder vehicle progress. If you touched the tape you were penalised and if you knocked one over you were disqualified.

Fred Black from OOT4WD applied all his 4WD skills honed out of years of experiece to win the All Terrain Challenge in the John Davis Bush Ranger.

In the meantime the kids also had their challenge on the BMX track and lots of fun at the night time disco.

The twin Bog Hole challenge was another crowd pleaser, as drivers lined up in parallel and drag raced across the ooz to the cheering audience.

Traditionally a family oriented event, the 1999 4WD clubs Jamboree turned out to be quite good overall, although the organisers were very uptight and wouldn't let us take action photo's. As a result we couldn't bring you the usual exciting coverage.

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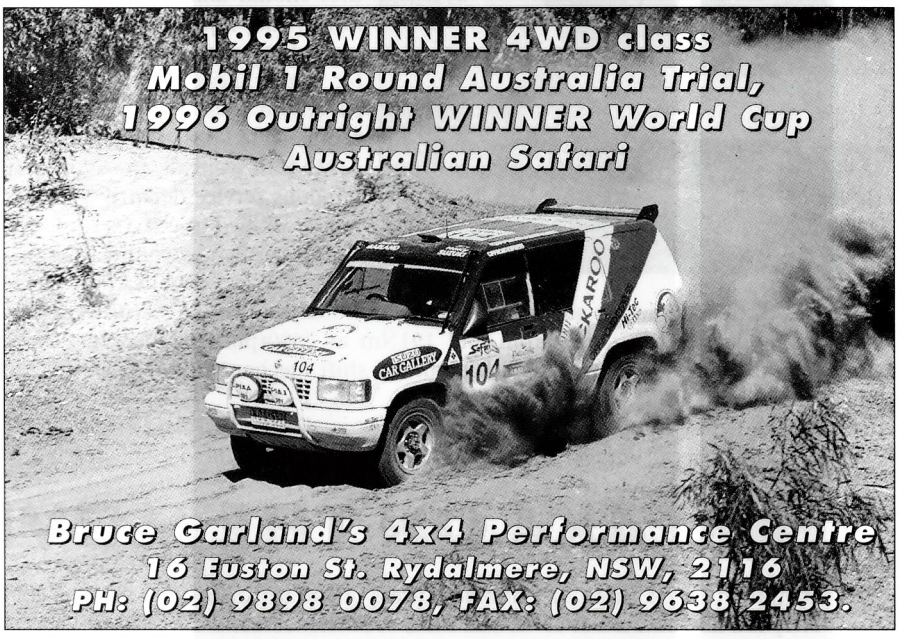
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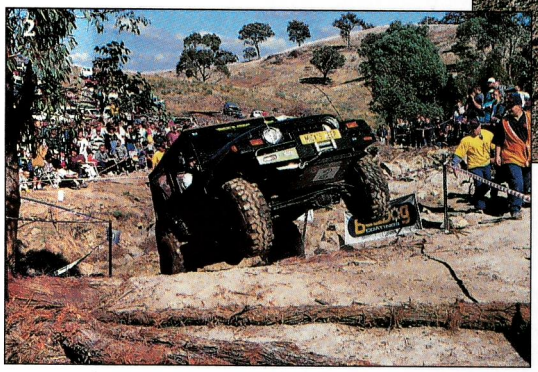

1. Bogged at the finish, even the biggest tyres didn't help this guy, a quick recovery from team mates got him on his way.
2. Mick Whitehead has become somewhat of a star, showing of his skills over the big log.
3. The All Terrain challenge is not for the faint hearted, you need a tough vehicle and good skill to tackle the obsticals.

4. Whether you're in dirt on rocks or crawling over logs, tyre problems are always common place in these events.
5. Bushdriver's Patrol tray back needs longer springs. Here, we got hung up on the front diff housing.
6. Norm Needam from Traction 4 always puts on a good show in his unique V8 Cruiser.